

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been rejected in the Office Action under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5 have been amended to remove the lack of antecedent basis, and to clarify the terms “monopulse method” and “intensities.” However, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection with respect to the phrases “three transmitting and receiving devices,” “two adjacent transmitting and receiving devices,” “two transmitting and receiving devices,” and the terms “activating,” “deactivating,” “operated,” “activated” and “activation.”

Specifically, use of the phrases “three transmitting and receiving devices,” “two adjacent transmitting and receiving devices” and “two transmitting and receiving devices” is proper. That is, the words “three” and “two” properly modify the term “devices” such that there are at least a combined total of three transmitter and receiver devices, as understood by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. The Examiner is respectfully directed to page 6, line 22 - page 6a, line 7 for a further explanation. With respect to the terms “activating,” “deactivating,” “operated,” “activated” and “activation,” Applicants submit that these terms are readily understood by the skilled artisan, particularly in view of the specification at page 4, line 35 through page 4a, line 4, and page 5a, line 1 through page 6, line 20.

Claims 1-5 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please contact Applicants’ attorney at the number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “**Version with markings to show changes made**”.

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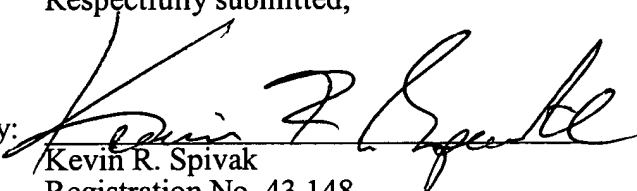
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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

For the convenience of the Examiner, the changes made are shown below with deleted text in strikethrough and added text in underline.

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for detecting target objects using a radar device, comprising:
 - arranging at least three transmitting and receiving devices for radar beams such that their beam fields form a detection area of the radar device;
 - activating and deactivating the at least three transmitting and receiving devices such that at least two adjacent transmitting and receiving devices are operated simultaneously; and
 - evaluating ~~the~~ echo signals from the transmitting and receiving devices using ~~the~~ monopulse-method radar.
2. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one~~ a pair of adjacent transmitting and receiving devices are activated simultaneously.
5. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the position angle of the target object relative to the radar device is determined by comparison of ~~the~~ beam intensities of the at least two transmitting and receiving devices.